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**RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING DEDICATED
STATE REVENUE SOURCE FOR BEACH NOURISHMENT**

WHEREAS, North Carolina beaches and inlets fuel the vital tourism industry along the NC coast, and provide total economic benefit of more than \$6 billion annually, support more than 65,000 jobs, and generate approximately \$188 million of State tax revenue annually, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach recognizes the vital importance of the beach to the Town's economic success and quality of life, and is committed to a long-term beach nourishment program to protect its most important asset, and

WHEREAS, the December 2016 update of the State's Beach and Inlet Management Plan (BIMP) recommends the establishment of a dedicated State beach nourishment fund with a dedicated State funding source to assist local governments with the significant expense of beach nourishment, and

WHEREAS, the BIMP identifies an annual need of approximately \$25 million to enable the State to provide 50% matching funds to local governments to complete projected future beach nourishment projects, and

WHEREAS, the BIMP identifies 5 potential dedicated funding sources derived from the 8 oceanfront counties for a new State beach nourishment fund, including

- a new seasonal State sales tax,
- a new State ad valorem tax,
- a new State meals tax,
- a new State land transfer fee, and
- the reallocation of existing State sales tax collections on short-term lodging sales.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Sunset Beach Town Council** hereby supports the establishment of a dedicated State beach nourishment fund with a dedicated State funding source sufficient to provide 50% matching funds to local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Sunset Beach Town Council** hereby urges the NC General Assembly to enact legislation to either:

- reallocate 50% of the existing State sales tax collections on short-term lodging sales **ONLY** from the 8 oceanfront counties, which will generate an estimated \$25.2 million annually

OR

- establish a new seasonal half-percent (0.5%) State sales tax on all sales in the 8 oceanfront counties **ONLY** during the months of May, June, July, August, and September, which will generate an estimated \$25 million annually.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2017.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Robert Forrester
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa H. Anglin
Town Clerk